

## **Terms and conditions**

### **Regulations of the competition "Circular transformation of the Polish economy. Developing an industrial symbiosis strategy."**

#### **Competition for students.**

##### **§ 1 Basic information**

1. The organiser of the competition "Circular transformation of the Polish economy. Developing an industrial symbiosis strategy", hereinafter referred to as the competition, is the Institute for Innovation and Responsible Development with its seat in Warsaw, 38 Tyniecka Street, 02-621 Warsaw, NIP: 5213831236, REGON: 380515304.
2. The competition is organised as part of the "Circular Week 2024" event.
3. The aim of the competition is to increase students' knowledge and awareness of industrial symbiosis, to obtain information on existing and potential industrial symbiosis solutions and to develop an industrial symbiosis strategy.
4. The competition is aimed at students from universities operating in Poland.
5. The competition will be judged on entries prepared by teams of 3-5 people. Participants must have the status of a student on the date of entry as referred to in § 3.1.

##### **§ 2 Object of the competition**

1. The subject of the competition is a presentation including the development of an industrial symbiosis strategy according to the proposed outline, hereinafter referred to as the work.
2. The work should include industrial symbiosis solutions as defined below:

Industrial symbiosis is a collaboration between at least two entities in which by-products, waste or energy from one entity are used by another entity. The result of an industrial symbiosis is economic, social or environmental benefits. The actors involved complement each other through the efficient use of raw materials, technology or energy.

1. The solutions presented in the work must include:
  - a. a description of an innovative industrial symbiosis of two or more companies that could be implemented in Poland.
  - b. an up-to-date market analysis, determining bottlenecks, opportunities and possibilities in selected economic sectors, proposing the implementation of an industrial symbiosis, developing legislative challenges, creating an implementation plan and planning marketing activities.
2. The assignment must be submitted in the form of a multimedia presentation (max. 35 slides) and a text description in PDF format not exceeding 4,000 characters including spaces.
3. A detailed description of the competition task, referred to as 'the work', is available in Appendix 1.

4. The 10 teams whose entries are judged the highest by the Jury will be invited to present the competition task in the form of a presentation (max. 20 minutes) in front of the Jury during the Competition Final, on 22 October 2024 at the Warsaw School of Economics.

### **§ 3 Conduct of the competition and contact**

By 30 July 2024, project teams or individuals are required to apply electronically for participation in the competition. If the application is a group application, it is required to provide the composition of the team, which consists of between 3 and 5 people representing at least two different universities.

1. Individual applicants will be selected into interdisciplinary, intercollegiate teams. Information on the composition of the teams to be formed will be sent to participants' email inboxes by 20 August 2024.
2. Teams must complete the competition task as described in Appendix 1 by 10 October 2024. **The competition task must be sent to [kontakt@innowo.org](mailto:kontakt@innowo.org) by 23:59 on 10 October 2024.**
3. The 10 best entries will be selected by the Jury. These teams will be invited to the final of the competition, which will take place on 22 October at the Warsaw School of Economics. Each team will be required to present their solution in front of the Jury in the form of a group presentation using a multimedia presentation sent in advance. The presentation time is max. 15 min.
4. The organiser designates the following persons to be the contact person, to receive applications and works and to make arrangements for the changes referred to in paragraph 2: Marianna Rytlewska, e-mail address: [m.rytlewska@innowo.org](mailto:m.rytlewska@innowo.org).

### **§ 4 Task Evaluation**

1. Tasks that do not meet the requirements referred to in § 2 and tasks that are not submitted or not submitted on time will not be assessed.
2. The entries and presentations will be judged by a competition committee appointed by the Organiser.
3. The entries and presentations will be assessed against the following criteria:

Lp.	Criterion	Description	Maximum score
1	Implementability	The ability to implement a solution.	25

2	Complexity	The description of the symbiosis activities should take into account the operating characteristics of the enterprises in the selected industries, the realities of the business and the proven technologies.	25
3	Innovation	The proposed solutions should not directly duplicate already existing symbiotic applications, but could significantly develop them.	20
4	Effectiveness	The proposed solution should result in effects that are as likely as possible to convince companies to actually implement the solutions	30
Total			100

1. The winners will be selected by the Jury during the Competition Final. The announcement of the results and distribution of prizes will take place during the Competition Final. The results of the competition will also be posted on the event website.

### **§ 5 Adjudication of the competition**

1. The authors of the highest scoring entries will be awarded:

**1st place:** They will receive a cash prize of £5,000 and the opportunity to present on the main stage at the major Circular Week 2024 - **European Sustainability Congress** conference to be held the following day (23.10.2024). The event will be streamed online and can be viewed in real time at each of the collaborating universities in one of the halls/auditoriums.

**Second place:** They will receive a cash prize of PLN 3,000.

**Third place:** they will receive a cash prize of PLN 2 000.

1. The organiser reserves the right to distribute the prizes differently if two teams achieve the same result ex aequo.

## **§ 6 Final provisions**

Submission of a work constitutes acceptance of all the provisions of these regulations by all members of the author team.

1. The submission of a paper by an author team is tantamount to a declaration that its members are the authors of the paper.
2. By submitting an entry, all members of the author team agree to the use of their personal data in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act of 29 August 1997 (Journal of Laws 2016, item 922, i.e.) to the extent necessary for the execution of the competition, in particular for the reception of entries and works, correspondence, announcement of results and documentation of the competition.
3. Personal data is collected on a voluntary basis. The provision of the data specified in the work form is a condition for participation in the competition. The participant has the right to inspect his/her personal data and to request its correction or deletion.
4. The winners of the competition consent to the publication of their personal data on the website <https://www.circularweek.com/>.

